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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)
Multiple dependent claims

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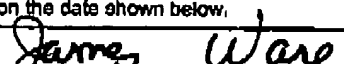
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Fee Description	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
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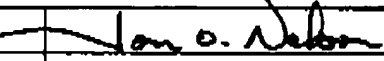
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